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02.01-20, STATIONARY SOURCE AIR POLLUTION TECHNOLOGY, AND
PROJECT 02.04-11, URBAN TRANSPORTATION (02.01-20, 02.04-11)

REFERENCE: STATE 05718

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING DATED MAY 19 TO YU. A.
BALASHOV, CHIEF OF MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND
MANUFACTURING OF GAS CLEANING AND DUST ELIMINATING EQUIP-
MENT, USSR MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND OIL ENGINEERING, 25
BEZBOZHNI PER, MOSCOW, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. "DEAR MR. BALASHOV: IN REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OF
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9 MARCH 1977, WE PROPOSE THAT THE WORKING GROUP MEET FROM
10 TO 17 JULY 1977. THE US DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF
S. REZNEK, N. JAWORSKI, M. MAXWELL, A. B. CRAIG, N. PLAKS,

J. PEKAR, AND R. SMITHSON. I REGRET THAT MY SCHEDULE DOES
NOT PERMIT ME TO BE AT THE MEETING. THEREFORE, DR. S.
REZNEK, MY DEPUTY, WILL REPRESENT ME AT THE WORKING GROUP

MEETING.

WE TRUST THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT LEADERS TO MEET WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS DURING THE WORKING GROUP SESSION TO DEVELOP THEIR PROJECT AREAS AND THEN PRESENT THEM TO THE CONVENED WORKING GROUP.

WE ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF OUR JOINT WORK AND THE SUMMARY REPORT ON THIS PROJECT DURING THE WORKING GROUP MEETING. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT YOUR PROPOSAL OBVIATES THE PLANNED SECOND QUARTER TRIP OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO THE US.

AS CONCERNS PROJECT 02.01-21, GASEOUS EMISSIONS, A SITE VISIT TO THE PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC PLANT BASED ON THE MAGNESIA PROCESS IS NOT POSSIBLE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE SINCE PILADELPHIA ELECTRIC HAS WITHDRAWN FROM NEGOTIATIONS.

ON PROJECT 02.01-22, PARTICULATE APATEMENT TECHNOLOGY, AS NOTED IN THE PROTOCOL SIGNED 4 APRIL 1977, THE SECOND US-USSR SYMPOSIUM ON PARTICULATE CONTROL WILL BE HELD FOR ONE WEEK, 25 SEPTEMBER TO 2 OCTOBER 1977, AT RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NORTH CAROLINA, WITH FIVE SOVIET SPECIALISTS ATTENDING. PLEASE CONFIRM THE SEVEN-DAY VISIT AND COMMUNICATE NAMES OF DELEGATES.

AS CONCERNS PROJECT 02.01-23, PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND MODIFICATION, TOPIC 02.01-23-01, OIL DEMETALLIZATION, WE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCUR WITH YOUR STATEMENT AND ADD THE FOLLOWING: 'THE JOINT REPORT WILL BE FINALIZED DURING THE WORKING GROUP MEETING.' WE PROPOSE THAT THE US DELEGATION ON TOPIC 02.01-23-02, COMBINED CYCLES, SLATED TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1977, ARRIVE INSTEAD WITH THE WORKING GROUP DELEGATION ON 10 JULY AND STAY ONE WEEK LONGER THAN THE WORKING GROUP, THAT IS, FROM 10 JULY TO 24 JULY 1977. THIS DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF MR. R. SMITHSON, MR. A. LEMMON, MR. LAUGHTON, MR. F. ROBESON, AND MR. B. GOREFF.

ON TOPIC 02.01-24-01, DRY QUENCHING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL SIGNED 8 APRIL 1976 IN MOSCOW, THE SOVIET SIDE SUPPLIED SAMPLES OF COKE AND COAL AND THE US SIDE WAS TO DELIVER TEST RESULTS ON COMPLETION OF TESTS. THE REPORT OF THE TEST RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WITH REGARD TO YOUR COMMUNICATION ON THE TRANSFER OF

THE COAL FLOTATION DESULFURIZATION TOPIC, 02-01-23-03, TO THE ENERGY AGREEMENT, EPA WILL BE EXPANDING ITS COAL CLEANING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PROGRAM. THESE MODIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE RELATIONSHIP OF US-USSR COAL CLEANING

EFFORTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE WORKING GROUP MEETING IN JULY.

AS CONCERNS THE FUTURE SCHEDULING OF TRIPS FOR THIS YEAR, AN UP-TO-DATE OUTLINE WILL BE PRESENTED DURING OUR WORKING GROUP MEETING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION AND BEST WISHES. SINCERELY, S. GAGE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF ENERGY, MINERALS, AND INDUSTRY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY."

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISCUSSIONS OF POSSIBLE TRANS-
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FER OF THE COAL FLOTATION DESULFURIZATION PROJECT (02.01-23-03) FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE ENERGY AGREEMENT, PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. YURIY KAZAKOV: "DEAR YURIY: AS WE BOTH KNOW, THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING THE COAL FLOTATION DESULFURIZATION PROJECT (02.01-23-03) FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE US AND SOVIET SIDES OF THE ENERGY AGREEMENT AND THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT HAVE ALREADY GIVEN THEIR BLESSING TO THIS TRANSFER, AND OUR INITIAL POSITION HAS BEEN THAT WE WOULD ALSO AGREE. HOWEVER, UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PROGRAM, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAS RECEIVED A STRONG NEW MANDATE AND VERY SIGNIFICANT FUNDING FOR WORK IN THIS AREA, AND WE ARE NOW RECONSIDERING WHAT OUR POSITION SHOULD BE. I WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS DR. GAGE'S STAFF COMPLETES THEIR WORK AND WE HAVE COORDINATED WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ENERGY AGREEMENT. IN ANY CASE, WE WILL CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU A POSITION AT THE MID-YEAR REVIEW.

I REGRET THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE YOU A TIMELY RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER SK-161 OF MARCH 24, SINCE I HAVE JUST RECENTLY RECEIVED IT. BY NOW THE VISITS TO WHICH YOU REFERRED HAVE TAKEN PLACE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE US DELEGATION ON URBAN TRANSPORTATION (02.04-11). YOU WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF MR. CONVISSER'S LETTER TO MR. STAVNICHII EXPRESSING REGRETS THAT DUE TO HIS NEW POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IT WILL NOW NOT BE POSSIBLE TO VISIT THE USSR UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER FIRST OF THIS YEAR.

WITH BEST WISHES TO YOU AND ALL MY FRIENDS IN
HYDROMET. SINCERELY, DAVID H. STROTHER, ACTING EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY, US SIDE." VANCE

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